



# Hess Lake



## Improvement Association Newsletter

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### From the Presidents Dock,

It was another wonderful summer at the lake. A lot of friend and family gatherings to enjoy time together. HLIA had some new activities this year. The Meet and Greet, Corn Hole Contest and the Band Party. Those were added in addition to other events, June/August Yard Sales, Calendars, Spring Cleanup, Carp Cages, Boat Parade, Ring of Fire and Membership Picnic. These events were a success because of you, our Members participating. This year our membership grew to 273. Your Membership Dues and generous contributions to our General and Wildlife Funds make these activities possible. We thank you.

Good communications to and from our Members is important. Communication methods are listed in the Newsletter. Contact your Zone Representatives or Officers if you have suggestions, questions or concerns. Attending the HLIA Monthly Meeting is a good way to keep informed. In 2024 we will have our May, Aug and Sept Meetings at a new time, 6:00. Our June meeting will be combined with our Annual Meeting on Saturday at 10:00. We are always looking for new ideas. We hope you will feel free to share your ideas as well.

It has been a great summer! Safe travels to all going to warmer places for winter. Enjoy fall and winter, we will see you in the spring.

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## A friendly reminder as we enter into Fall...

### LEAVES & GRASS CLIPPINGS

The **DNR** strongly discourages dumping leaves and grass clippings into a lake, river, wetland, or other body of water.

Leaves, grass clippings and similar debris add nutrients to the water that use up precious oxygen as they decompose.

**Aquatic organisms need that oxygen!!**

\*\*Please pass this information on to your Lawn Maintenance Companies as well.

## News from the Hess Lake Board – HLB 2023

2023 has been a very busy year for the Board. In July we held our Public Hearing and our Hess Lake Board meeting at Brooks Township Hall, with great attendance. There were many ideas and suggestions that we will explore. We are planning another evening meeting at Brooks Township Hall in 2024. The Public Hearing now allows HLB to work in the fisheries area.

Plant control was again successful this year. Savin only had to chemically treat seven acres of the lake once this summer. There was an increase in vegetation found in the lake. There was an abundance of Lily pads and also new areas of Coon Tail spotted - both are beneficial to the lake and provides protection for fish.

In order to improve communications with all Hess Lake Riparian's, HLB created a website specific to the board activities: [www.hesslakeimprovementboard.org](http://www.hesslakeimprovementboard.org). In this website you will find the meeting minutes from previous meetings and a lot of information for making improvements for the lake. I recommend specifically watching the short YouTube video named "Getting to Know Shallow Lakes" found on the Aquatic Plants tab. This describes the challenge that we face with making the improvements to our lake.

The board will continue to work with Carp Solutions for a couple of years to determine the spawning locations of the carp. The intent is to remove the carp via netting. We are also trying to determine the best way to potentially create a barrier between Hess Lake and Brooks Lake.

In the spring of 2024, HLB has approved the stocking of additional bluegill fish in the lake in order to help eat the carp eggs.

HLB 2024 meetings are scheduled for May 7 at the Drain Commissioner's office in White Cloud at 9:30 am, July 23 at Brooks Township at 6:00 pm, and September 17 at the Drain Commissioner's office in White Cloud at 9:30 am.

Hess Lake Board  
Bart W. Calvi

THE HESS LAKE BOARD  
[WWW.HESSLAKEIMPROVEMENTBOARD.ORG](http://WWW.HESSLAKEIMPROVEMENTBOARD.ORG)



### Hess Lake Board (HLB) 2024 Meeting Dates:

**May 7th @ 9:30 am**  
Drain Commissioners Office - White Cloud

**July 23rd @ 6 pm**  
Brooks Twp Hall - Newaygo

**September 17th @ 9:30 am**  
Drain Commissioners Office - White Cloud

# - Highlights of Summer 2023 -

## Boat Parade

### 1st Place

**"Under the Sea" - Augustyn Family**



### 2nd Place

**"Ice Cream Truck" - Keilen Family**



### 3rd Place

**"Griswold Christmas" - Fisher Family**



Start your planning for 2024!

# Membership Pic-Nic



Thank you Brent P for the delicious Pork!

## Corn-hole Tournament / Band Party

**Corn-hole Winners were:**

- 1st: Dan Bos & Josh VanDuinen
- 2nd: Darin Keller & Steve Sterken
- 3rd: Aaron and Trish Wisely

And **SONIMANIC** rocked Hess Lake!



Mark your calendar  
for next Summer!

**Saturday,  
June 22, 2024**

# HLIA MEET & GREET EVENT

Saturday, May 25th, 2024

9:00am - 11am

## Location - Clearwater Street

- Pay your Membership Dues
- Receive Membership Sign & NEW Decal/Sticker
- Meet the Leadership Team and your Zone Reps
- 50/50 Raffle Fundraiser
- Continental Breakfast



## What is the difference between the HLIA and the HLB?

As we welcome new residents, we think it is important to clarify any confusion residents may have about the difference between the Hess Lake Improvement Association (HLIA) and the Hess Lake Board (HLB).

### **HLB**

#### **Hess Lake Improvement Board**

The **Hess Lake Board** consists of five people. These five people have legal authority to make decisions on behalf of lake residents, including taxing authority for any lake project they deem necessary. The three lake representatives are appointed positions, with the other two elected. Please visit [www.hesslake.org](http://www.hesslake.org) for a complete description of the HLB responsibilities and meeting dates / times.

### **HLIA**

#### **Hess Lake Improvement Association**

The purpose of the **Hess Lake Improvement Association** is to promote a sense of community among its members including homeowners and summer residents. HLIA was created to work together on solutions for better water quality, to stimulate general property improvement around Hess Lake, and to plan fun annual community events.

The HLIA is a volunteer, leadership team that promotes community well being and plans social events for Hess Lake residents. Unlike the HLB, we have no mandate to make decisions regarding water testing, property taxes, septic issues, etc.

# Hess Lake Improvement Association

## 2024 Monthly Meeting Dates:

Monday, May 6 @ 6pm  
Saturday, June 15 @ 10am  
Monday, July 15 @ 6pm  
Monday, August 19 @ 6pm  
Monday, September 16 @ 6pm

**Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday, June 15th @ 10am**

HLIA Meetings Location:  
**Brooks Township Hall - Newaygo, MI**



## **HLIA COMMUNICATIONS**

### How to stay connected:

- ◆ Hess Lake Welcome Sign
- ◆ Email - [Contacthesslake@gmail.com](mailto:Contacthesslake@gmail.com)
  - ◆ Website: [www.hesslake.com](http://www.hesslake.com)
- ◆ Facebook: [Hess Lake Improvement Association](#)
  - ◆ Newsletters
  - ◆ Zone Reps

# 2024 Dates to Remember

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event:</b>	<b>Time:</b>
May	Spring Clean-up	All Month
May 25	Meet & Greet Event <i>Location: Hess Lake Drive &amp; Clearwater</i>	9 am - 11am
June 6-8	Hess Lake Yard Sales	
June 22	Corn-hole Tournament Band Party	TBD
July 4	Boat Parade	12pm
July 4	Ring of Fire	10pm
July 20	Membership Picnic	12pm-2pm
August 8-10	Hess Lake Yard Sales	



## **Treasurer Report** As of 09/30/2023

Checking Main:	\$9,741.51
Wildlife Fund:	\$4,028.90
General Fund:	\$4,085.33
Certificate of Deposit	\$17,338.85

***Nancy Calvi, Treasurer***

## HLIA Zone Representatives

	Term Start	Term expires	Rep Name	Phone #:	Email:
<b>Zone 1</b>	2023	<b>2026</b>	Larry Hohs	517-410-0682	<a href="mailto:larry.hohs@gmail.com">larry.hohs@gmail.com</a>
<b>Zone 2</b>	2022	<b>2025</b>	Betty Pennington	231-452-6619	<a href="mailto:kimberlypreston@gmail.com">kimberlypreston@gmail.com</a>
<b>Zone 3</b>	2023	<b>2026</b>	Grant Bryan	616-292-4383	<a href="mailto:bryanstv10@gmail.com">bryanstv10@gmail.com</a>
<b>Zone 4</b>	2022	<b>2025</b>	Mark Breen	616-570-3894	<a href="mailto:mdbreens@yahoo.com">mdbreens@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Zone 5</b>	2021	<b>2024</b>	Janella Byrne	616-550-4766	<a href="mailto:jbyrne73@hotmail.com">jbyrne73@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Zone 6</b>	2021	<b>2024</b>	Mary Spicer	616-780-1074	<a href="mailto:maryspicer21@yahoo.com">maryspicer21@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Zone 7</b>	2021	<b>2024</b>	Terry Roelofs	231-652-1386	<a href="mailto:rollofst@gmail.com">rollofst@gmail.com</a>

### OFFICERS

<b>President</b>	Terry Roelofs
<b>Vice President</b>	Mark Breen
<b>Treasurer</b>	Nanci Calvi
<b>Secretary</b>	Paul Dennis

<b>Media Coordinator</b>	Mary Spicer
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### Zone Rep Alternates 2023-2024

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**THANK YOU HLIA VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR REPRESENTATION!**

## HESS LAKE ZONE BOUNDARIES

- Zone 1:** East 88th Street: 1605 to 1844  
Catalpa Ave: 9035 to 9593
- Zone 2:** Hess Lake Drive: 1717 to 1989  
Kathleen Street
- Zone 3:** Hess Lake Drive: 1411 to 1661  
Clearwater Steet & Peninsula Drive
- Zone 4:** Hess Lake Drive: 941 to 1390
- Zone 5:** Hess Lake Drive: 615 to 925  
Redwood Drive: 9016 to 9394
- Zone 6:** Redwood Drive: 8872 to 9011  
East 88th Street: 745 to 1154
- Zone 7:** East 88th Street: 1157 to 1596  
Graves Drive, Parkwood Drive  
Lockwood Drive, Wellington Drive

*\*If your address is missing from this list please  
please email: [contacthesslake@gmail.com](mailto:contacthesslake@gmail.com)*

## Please Pay Membership Dues

Send Payments to:  
HLIA  
Po Box 239  
Newaygo, MI 49337

Pay via : [www.hesslake.com](http://www.hesslake.com)

*Or attend the MEET N GREET  
In the SPRING*

**Membership  
\$30.00**

Additional donations are accepted and  
appreciated for Wildlife Projects,  
Special Events, etc

